

Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For Former McPhail's Fueling Distribution
975 Wright Street, Santa Rosa, CA
Case Number 1NSR159
Sonoma County

Notice Posting Date: **June 13, 2022**

End of Comment Period: **August 12, 2022**

Soil and groundwater investigations were conducted at the above-referenced site and a release of petroleum hydrocarbons was documented. Although some contamination remains, this site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's "Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy." Regional Water Board staff proposes that no further work be required for the underground storage tank (UST) portion of the case. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties, including owners of nearby land, that the case is being considered for closure, and to invite public comment on this proposed decision.

Problem Description

The McPhail's property at 927 Wright Street was a fuel distribution point, which contained several above ground storage tanks (ASTs) and one UST. The McPhail Fuel Company used the site for fuel distribution for heating oils, stove oil, road oil, and propane. There was a small garage in the southern portion of the shop and a gasoline pump connected to one 250-gallon UST in the center of the site.

In December 1986, the UST and an unknown volume of impacted soil was removed and disposed of offsite. All the ASTs, except for the one 15,000-gallon propane tank, were also removed at this time. The unauthorized release was reported in June 1990 following an initial site investigation and land transfer. Monitoring investigations and remediation events have been conducted at the site from May 1990 to February 2022. The UST portion of the case involves impacts to the soil and groundwater from gasoline, the AST portion of the case involves diesel and heavier petroleum hydrocarbons. Groundwater monitoring at the site has shown contamination in groundwater in the immediate vicinity of the site, but the contamination is no longer spreading. No water supply wells were impacted by this contamination. The AST portion of the site is still being monitored, and there is still residual contamination that is impacting the soil and groundwater in the area that leads off site.

Proposed Action

Case closure is proposed for the UST portion of the case. This site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's "[Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/lt_cls_plcy.html)."

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Unless significant comments are received or new information is presented regarding this site, Regional Water Board staff plans to proceed with the closure process upon conclusion of the comment period. Please contact Michael Sullivan at (707) 576-2377 or Michael.Sullivan@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attention: Michael Sullivan
5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Regional Water Board site records comprise both a paper file and an electronic file. Beginning in 2005, select file material was uploaded to the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website and not necessarily included in the paper file. All new file material after 2014 is retained only electronically. The GeoTracker records are available at

https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report?global_id=T0609793178

The paper file ("McPhail's", Case No. 1NSR159) may be reviewed at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board office from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Appointments are required and can be arranged by calling (707) 576-2220.

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